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Connecticut employment declined in February, unemployment rose and personal income of state residents reached an all-time high, State Labor Commissioner Ronald F. Petronella reports.

Employment, Wages and Hours: Total non-agricultural employment decreased over the month from 1,609,900 to 1,597,900, a yearly decline of 28,900 jobs (p.2). Goods producing industries payrolls were off by 6,700, where there were fewer jobs in construction and mining (-3,400) and in manufacturing (-3,300). Employment increased slightly in the apparel industry (+100), and chemicals had an annual gain (+200). The service producing sector had 5,300 fewer employment opportunities in February, much of the monthly decrease influenced by seasonal job losses in trade (-7,100). Transportation employment decreased by 1,800 positions, and finance, insurance and real estate was down 1,200. Employment in services (+2,000) and government (+2,600) was higher, and communications added 300 jobs in February. Employment increased over the month in Willimantic but was lower in the remaining 14 labor market areas (p. 5 & 6).

Average weekly earnings of production workers rose $7.07 to $495.18 in February for a $13.68 yearly increase (p. 3). Hourly wages remained level at $11.79 as the workweek lengthened from 41.4 to 42.0 hours. When computed on a straight-time basis, earnings declined from January's $11.33 an hour and $453.20 weekly to $11.28 hourly and $451.20 a week, a 3.5 percent increase from February 1990's wages of $10.90 hourly and $436 weekly. Construction workers earned the most, $663.01, followed by those in transportation equipment, $590.79; chemicals, $553.62 and machinery, $524.91. Of the five largest labor market areas, the highest weekly wages were in New Britain ($534.23), Bridgeport ($521.24) and Hartford ($520.41) (p. 6).

Unemployment: February's actual unemployment rate rose three-tenths to 5.9 percent of the labor force and the number of jobless persons increased over the month from 98,100 to 103,800. This latest estimate is the highest since June of 1985 when it was 107,245 and the actual rate was 6.2 percent. (p. 4). When seasonally adjusted, the unemployment rate moved from 5.1 to 5.3 percent. Both rates remained below the national actual and adjusted jobless rates of 7.2 and 6.5 percent respectively. Included in the latest unemployment figures are people receiving unemployment insurance benefits, others who are ineligible for compensation or whose benefits expired, and persons entering or reentering the labor force. Higher unemployment rates in February were in all 15 labor market areas. When compared to a year ago, however, jobless rates were lower in Bridgeport, Danbury and Danielson.

Other Indicators: Elsewhere in Connecticut's economy, personal income rose to a new record high of $6-billion, 43-million, new automobile registrations declined and manufacturing output rose (p. 7).

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A copy of 1990 census population data for Connecticut's cities and towns is included with this report.

CONNECTICUT NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excludes agricultural, private household, self-employed and unpaid family workers)

	Feb. 1991(P)	Jan. 1991(R)	Feb. 1990(R)	% CHANGE Feb. '91 OVER Jan. '91	% CHANGE Feb. '91 OVER Feb. '90
Total Nonagricultural Employment..	1,597,900 *	1,609,900 *	1,626,800 *	-0.7	-1.8
GOODS PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	380,900 *	387,600 *	406,700 *	-1.7	-6.3
Construction & Mining.....	49,200	52,600	59,600	-6.5	-17.4
Manufacturing.....	331,700 *	335,000 *	347,100 *	-1.0	-4.4
Durable.....	244,600 *	247,100 *	257,100 *	-1.0	-4.9
Lumber & Furniture.....	5,100	5,200	5,900	-1.9	-13.6
Stone, Clay & Glass.....	3,700	3,700	3,900	0.0	-5.1
Primary Metals.....	10,600	10,500	11,200	1.0	-5.4
Fabricated Metals.....	35,600	36,200	39,500 *	-1.7	-9.9
Machinery & Computer Equip....	42,600	43,200	46,000	-1.4	-7.4
Electronic & Electrical Equip.	32,000 *	32,100 *	36,000 *	-0.3	-11.1
Transportation Equipment.....	80,500	81,400	79,900	-1.1	0.8
Instruments.....	27,000	27,400	26,900	-1.5	0.4
Miscellaneous Manufacturing...	7,500	7,400	7,800	1.4	-3.8
Nondurable.....	87,100 *	87,900 *	90,000	-0.9	-3.2
Food.....	10,600	10,700	10,600	-0.9	0.0
Textiles.....	2,600	2,600	2,700	0.0	-3.7
Apparel.....	5,500	5,400	5,100	1.9	7.8
Paper.....	8,600	8,600	9,000	0.0	-4.4
Printing & Publishing.....	25,300	25,600	27,800	-1.2	-9.0
Chemicals.....	22,200	22,600	22,000	-1.8	0.9
Rubber & Plastics.....	11,100 *	11,200 *	11,600	-0.9	-4.3
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0	0.0
SERVICE PRODUCING INDUSTRIES.....	1,217,000 *	1,222,300 *	1,220,100 *	-0.4	-0.3
Transportation.....	39,600 *	41,400 *	40,100 *	-4.3	-1.2
Motor Freight & Warehousing....	15,900	16,000	15,800	-0.6	0.6
Other Transportation.....	23,700 *	25,400 *	24,300 *	-6.7	-2.5
Communications.....	18,800	18,500	18,600	1.6	1.1
Utilities.....	13,200	13,300	13,200	-0.8	0.0
Trade.....	353,400	360,500	359,700 *	-2.0	-1.8
Wholesale.....	84,400	85,500	87,200 *	-1.3	-3.2
Retail.....	269,000	275,000	272,500	-2.2	-1.3
General Merchandise.....	32,300	35,600	35,400	-9.3	-8.8
Food Stores.....	49,100	50,700	48,400	-3.2	1.4
Auto Dealers & Gas Stations...	28,500	28,700	29,800	-0.7	-4.4
Restaurants.....	72,800	72,400	72,400	0.6	0.6
Other Retail Trade.....	86,300	87,600	86,500	-1.5	-0.2
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	147,700	148,900	151,800	-0.8	-2.7
Finance.....	52,200	52,900	55,700	-1.3	-6.3
Insurance.....	80,800	81,300	81,200	-0.6	-0.5
Real Estate.....	14,700	14,700	14,900	0.0	-1.3
Services.....	431,900 *	429,900 *	424,300	0.5	1.8
Hotels & Lodging Places.....	11,700	11,600	11,500	0.9	1.7
Personal Services.....	18,300	18,000	18,900	1.7	-3.2
Business Services.....	74,000	74,200	76,400	-0.3	-3.1
Health Services.....	138,100 *	138,500 *	132,800	-0.3	4.0
Legal & Professional Services..	51,100	51,000	50,300	0.2	1.6
Educational Services.....	40,600 *	38,500 *	40,600	5.5	0.0
Other Services.....	98,100	98,100	93,800	0.0	4.6
Government.....	212,400	209,800	212,400	1.2	0.0
Federal.....	25,500	25,500	25,000	0.0	2.0
State & Local.....	186,900	184,300	187,400	1.4	-0.3
NONMANUFACTURING EMPLOYMENT**.....	1,266,200 *	1,274,900 *	1,279,700 *	-0.7	-1.1

* Excludes workers idled to labor management disputes.

** Includes Service Producing Industries and Construction and Mining employment.

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Data in this table and most of those which follow was developed by the Connecticut Labor Department under cooperative programs with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

EARNINGS AND HOURS

Manufacturing Production and Related Workers and On-Site Construction Workers

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990(R)	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990(R)	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990(R)
MANUFACTURING (Production and Related Workers)	$495.18	$488.11	$481.50	42.0	41.4	42.2	$11.79	$11.79	$11.41
DURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	511.70	504.84	494.47	42.5	42.0	42.7	12.04	12.02	11.58
Lumber & Furniture.....	380.81	380.81	371.06	38.7	38.7	39.1	9.84	9.84	9.49
Stone, Clay and Glass.....	479.81	473.52	482.36	42.2	41.5	43.3	11.37	11.41	11.14
Primary Metals.....	518.40	507.76	493.50	45.0	44.0	44.3	11.52	11.54	11.14
Fabricated Metals.....	458.71	449.55	461.84	41.4	40.5	42.1	11.08	11.10	10.97
Machinery.....	524.91	523.55	518.66	42.4	42.6	42.9	12.38	12.29	12.09
Electrical Equipment.....	439.85	428.90	403.19	44.7	43.9	43.4	9.84	9.77	9.29
Transportation Equipment.....	590.79	581.09	571.05	41.9	41.3	42.3	14.10	14.07	13.50
Instruments	483.96	478.22	479.14	43.6	43.2	43.4	11.10	11.07	11.04
Miscellaneous Manufacturing..	431.80	436.99	418.82	42.5	42.8	43.0	10.16	10.21	9.74
NONDURABLE MANUFACTURING.....	445.61	442.89	443.31	40.4	39.9	40.8	11.03	11.10	10.89
Food.....	420.09	415.28	389.09	40.2	39.4	38.6	10.45	10.54	10.08
Textiles.....	381.71	372.71	374.17	41.4	40.6	41.9	9.22	9.18	8.93
Apparel.....	267.44	265.36	263.67	37.3	36.5	37.4	7.17	7.27	7.05
Paper.....	500.40	504.68	505.29	43.4	44.0	43.9	11.53	11.47	11.51
Printing and Publishing.....	456.17	445.01	451.91	37.7	36.9	38.2	12.10	12.06	11.83
Chemicals.....	553.62	542.84	555.48	41.1	40.3	42.5	13.47	13.47	13.07
Rubber and Misc. Plastics....	416.33	413.69	417.31	42.7	42.3	44.3	9.75	9.78	9.42
Other Nondurable Mfg.....	404.20	419.08	311.22	43.0	43.7	39.0	9.40	9.59	7.98
CONSTRUCTION.....	663.01	678.37	662.38	37.8	38.5	38.6	17.54	17.62	17.16

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UNEMPLOYMENT - CONNECTICUT AND THE UNITED STATES

	February 1991(P) Number	Percent of Labor Force**	January 1991(R) Number	Percent of Labor Force**	February 1990(R) Number	Percent of Labor Force**
Ct. State Totals* Actual	103,800	5.9	98,100	5.6	96,800	5.5
Seasonally Adjusted...		(5.3)		(5.1)		(4.9)
Ct. Labor Market Areas (Not Seasonally Adjusted)						
Bridgeport.....	15,400	6.8	14,900	6.5	15,900	6.9
Bristol.....	3,300	8.8	3,100	8.2	2,700	6.9
Danbury.....	5,200	4.4	4,800	4.1	5,300	4.5
Danielson.....	3,500	9.7	3,200	9.0	3,500	9.9
Hartford.....	22,700	5.3	21,600	5.0	20,600	4.8
Middletown.....	2,600	5.1	2,400	4.8	2,300	4.4
Lower River.....	800	4.6	800	4.4	800	4.6
New Britain.....	5,700	7.8	5,300	7.3	5,000	6.8
New Haven.....	15,600	5.5	14,600	5.1	14,600	5.1
New London/Norwich*..	8,300	6.5	8,200	6.4	8,100	6.2
Norwalk.....	3,200	4.1	3,000	3.9	2,800	3.6
Stamford.....	4,500	4.0	4,300	3.8	4,000	3.6
Torrington.....	3,400	6.8	3,000	5.9	2,700	5.5
Waterbury.....	9,300	9.2	8,700	8.6	8,000	7.8
Willimantic.....	1,500	5.3	1,300	5.0	1,300	4.3
U.S. Totals-Actual.....	8,919,000	7.2	8,595,000	7.0	7,134,000	5.8
Seasonally Adjusted....		(6.5)		(6.2)		(5.3)

* The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are part of the New London/Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the area estimates. As a result, the sum of the area totals will not agree with the State totals.

** Both the Connecticut and U.S. unemployment rates shown here are for the Civilian Labor Force.

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Feb. '91	Jan. '91	Feb. '90
1967=100.....	403.8	403.1	383.3
1982-84=100.....	134.8	134.6	128.0
Percent Change From....	xxx	+ 0.1	+ 5.3

BRIEF EXPLANATION OF THE CPI- The Consumer Price Index (CPI), computed and published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics is a measure of the average change in prices over time in a fixed market basket of goods and services. It is based on prices of food, clothing, shelter, and fuels, transportation fares, charges for doctors' and dentists' services, drugs, and other goods and services that people buy for day to day living.
The series shown above are not seasonally adjusted.

THERE IS NO SEPARATE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR CONNECTICUT OR ANY AREA WITHIN THE STATE.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS

Labor Market Area	Feb.'91	Jan. '90(R)	Feb. '90(R)	Percent Change to Feb. 1991 from: Jan. '91	Feb. '90
Bridgeport-Milford					
Total Nonag. Empl.	186,940*	188,600*	191,780	- 0.9	- 2.5
Goods Producing	53,790	54,680	58,120	- 1.6	- 7.5
Service Producing	133,150*	133,920*	133,660	- 0.6	- 0.4
Bristol					
Total Nonag. Empl.	23,860	24,170	25,220	- 1.3	- 5.4
Goods Producing	7,580	7,750	8,480	- 2.2	- 10.6
Service Producing	16,280	16,420	16,740	- 0.9	- 2.7
Danbury					
Total Nonag. Empl.	82,860	84,110	82,990	- 1.5	- 0.2
Goods Producing	26,920	27,310	27,300	- 1.4	- 1.4
Service Producing	55,940	56,800	55,690	- 1.5	0.4
Danielson					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,630	22,820	22,400	- 0.8	1.0
Goods Producing	7,710	7,930	8,240	- 2.8	- 6.4
Service Producing	14,920	14,890	14,160	0.2	5.4
Hartford					
Total Nonag. Empl.	465,230*	472,610*	474,920*	- 1.6	- 2.0
Goods Producing	94,530	96,260	98,670*	- 1.8	- 4.2
Service Producing	370,700*	376,350*	376,250*	- 1.5	- 1.5
Middletown					
Total Nonag. Empl.	43,220	43,340	44,400	- 0.3	- 2.7
Goods Producing	9,550	9,760	10,470	- 2.2	- 8.8
Service Producing	33,670	33,580	33,930	0.3	- 0.8
Lower River					
Total Nonag. Empl.	14,220	14,230	14,130	- 0.1	0.6
Goods Producing	5,090	5,110	5,040	- 0.4	1.0
Service Producing	9,130	9,120	9,090	0.1	0.4
New Britain					
Total Nonag. Empl.	61,380	62,040	63,740	- 1.1	- 3.7
Goods Producing	21,010	21,470	22,130	- 2.1	- 5.1
Service Producing	40,370	40,570	41,610	- 0.5	- 3.0
New Haven-Meriden					
Total Nonag. Empl.	251,630*	253,500*	257,070*	- 0.7	- 2.1
Goods Producing	50,130*	51,560*	55,320*	- 2.8	- 9.4
Service Producing	201,500	201,940	201,750*	- 0.2	- 0.1
New London-Norwich**					
Total Nonag. Empl.	109,090	110,670	113,860	- 1.4	- 4.2
Goods Producing	33,740	34,370	35,310	- 1.8	- 4.4
Service Producing	75,350	76,300	78,550	- 1.2	- 4.1
Norwalk					
Total Nonag. Empl.	68,820	69,350	68,920	- 0.8	- 0.1
Goods Producing	17,080	17,130	17,820	- 0.3	- 4.2
Service Producing	51,740	52,220	51,100	- 0.9	1.3
Stamford					
Total Nonag. Empl.	117,520	118,440	118,780	- 0.8	- 1.1
Goods Producing	22,580	22,780	24,020	- 0.9	- 6.0
Service Producing	94,940	95,660	94,760	- 0.8	0.2

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT, BY PLACE OF WORK FOR CONNECTICUT LABOR MARKET AREAS (Cont'd)

Labor Market Area	Feb. '91	Jan. '91(R)	Feb. '90(R)	Percent Change to Feb. 1991 from: Jan. '91	Feb. '90
Torrington					
Total Nonag. Empl.	32,780	33,110	32,900	- 1.0	- 0.4
Goods Producing	9,510	9,540	10,080	- 0.3	- 5.7
Service Producing	23,270	23,570	22,820	- 1.3	- 2.0
Waterbury					
Total Nonag. Empl.	80,540	81,940	83,550	- 1.7	- 3.6
Goods Producing	20,950	21,290	24,490	- 1.6	- 14.5
Service Producing	59,590	60,650	59,060	- 1.7	0.9
Willimantic					
Total Nonag. Empl.	22,310	20,750	24,030	7.5	- 7.2
Goods Producing	2,130	1,980	2,270	7.6	- 6.2
Service Producing	20,180	18,770	21,760	7.5	- 7.3

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* Excludes workers idled due to labor-management disputes.
** The two Rhode Island towns of Hopkinton and Westerly are a part of the New London-Norwich Labor Market Area and are therefore included in the estimates.
*** Change is less than 0.05 percent.

Note: Area employment estimates may not sum to statewide employment estimates shown in this and other publications because they are made independently.

EARNINGS AND HOURS BY LABOR MARKET AREA
Manufacturing Production and Related Workers

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990	Feb. 1991	Jan. 1991	Feb. 1990
Bridgeport	$521.24	$507.91	$511.94	41.9	41.7	42.1	$12.44	$12.18	$12.16
Hartford	520.41	519.57	524.30	41.5	41.4	42.8	12.54	12.55	12.25
New Britain	534.23	506.70	516.48	41.9	41.0	42.3	12.75	12.36	12.21
New Haven	448.44	454.01	452.86	40.4	40.5	41.7	11.10	11.21	10.86
Stamford	494.48	489.64	484.67	40.9	40.2	40.9	12.09	12.18	11.85
Waterbury	448.36	446.76	430.36	41.4	41.4	42.4	10.83	10.87	10.15

Note: The averages shown above are influenced by the occupational composition of the area and do not necessarily represent differences between areas in pay for the same occupations. While the labor market areas generally take their names from the major cities, the averages are those for all towns within the area.

CONNECTICUT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

	Employment Nonag. (Thous.)		Av. Weekly Initial Claims		Rate Total Unemployment		Personal Income Millions
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Seasonally Adj.
1990							
Jan....	1634.4	1656.1	8775	5292	5.0	4.5	$5773.2
Feb....	1626.8	1650.3	5193	5152	5.5	4.9	5800.1
Mar....	1637.6	1648.6	4498	5749	5.3	5.1	5805.5
Apr....	1635.5	1642.9	4953	5809	5.2	5.4	5780.5
May....	1647.0	1643.1	4119	5721	5.1	5.4	5808.7
Jun....	1659.5	1639.4	5121	5562	5.2	5.0	5823.8
Jul....	1633.6	1641.7	6374	4286	5.2	5.1	5852.6
Aug....	1626.9	1638.9	4469	5208	5.1	5.0	5884.3
Sep....	1637.8	1635.9	4136	7019	5.1	5.5	5896.2
Oct....	1645.8	1636.0	4631	6480	4.8	5.1	5952.0
Nov....	1651.9	1633.5	5140	6777	4.8	5.3	5983.0
Dec....	1654.7	1628.8	7781	4724	4.7	4.9	6012.9
1991							
Jan....	1609.9(R)	1631.1(R)	10878	6561	5.6	5.1	6022.1(R)
Feb....	1597.9(P)	1620.6(P)	6907	6852	5.9	5.3	6043.0(P)
Mar....							
Apr....							
May....							
Jun....							
Jul....							
Aug....							
Sep....							
Oct....							
Nov....							
Dec....							

	New Auto Registrations		Average Work Week Hours		Mfg. Output (1967=100)	
	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.	Actual	Seas. Adj.
1990						
Jan....	9172	10698	42.4	42.2	119.7	115.1
Feb....	7749	9300	42.2	42.2	118.4	114.2
Mar....	8700	6658	42.3	42.1	114.1	109.9
Apr....	8100	6873	40.8	40.9	102.7	99.6
May....	9729	9031	42.0	42.1	114.3	110.8
Jun....	7995	8187	42.0	42.0	114.7	109.3
Jul....	5479	7900	41.8	42.1	88.6	106.0
Aug....	8165	8424	41.5	42.1	92.8	109.7
Sep....	8241	8439	42.1	42.1	113.2	108.8
Oct....	13985	14572	41.9	42.0	111.9	107.6
Nov....	9095	8280	42.2	41.9	109.0	103.9
Dec....	9747	9144	42.3	41.9	98.6	102.5
1991						
Jan....	7587	8853	41.4	41.2	104.4	100.4
Feb....	4196	5037	42.0	42.0	104.8	101.1
Mar....						
Apr....						
May....						
Jun....						
Jul....						
Aug....						
Sep....						
Oct....						
Nov....						
Dec....						

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CONNECTICUT UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT FINANCIAL DATA

	Average Weekly Insured Unemployed	Unemployment Benefits Paid	Employer Contributions Collected
1975	83,971	298,345,000	140,940,000
1976	67,864	238,013,000	164,922,000
1977	53,699	193,150,000	177,719,000
1978	37,220	138,351,000	189,892,000
1979	30,876	114,926,000	181,376,000
1980	37,463	163,644,000	174,402,000
1981	36,507	173,725,000	167,840,000
1982	47,952	262,962,000	183,733,000
1983	40,251	232,255,000	201,578,000
1984	25,428	154,180,000	238,511,000
1985	26,449	177,887,000	249,065,000
1986	24,950	175,584,000	238,705,000
1987	20,619	158,278,000	211,387,000
1988	21,101	179,844,000	208,656,000
1989	29,097	265,821,000	190,278,000
1990	45,312	432,904,000	186,371,000
Jan'90	48,364	43,603,000	5,309,000
Feb	48,057	36,383,000	12,311,000
Mar	48,496	37,670,000	354,000
Apr	45,118	38,305,000	20,558,000
May	41,471	34,890,000	89,249,000
Jun	41,853	30,992,000	865,000
Jul	45,773	38,384,000	8,878,000
Aug	45,841	33,246,000	7,847,000
Sep	41,288	28,971,000	428,000
Oct	40,777	35,677,000	7,503,000
Nov	45,198	32,593,000	12,818,000
Dec	51,509	42,190,000	251,000
Jan'91	68,268	56,876,000	4,620,000
Feb	71,429	53,128,000	10,894,000

Federal Loan

1972	31,800,000
1973	21,700,000
1974	8,500,000
1975	203,000,000
1976	137,000,000
1977	75,000,000
1978	37,000,000
1983	63,806,000*
1991	52,782,000*(E)

Direct Loan Repayments

1976	$ 26,000,000
1977	27,300,000
1978	37,300,000
1979	39,600,000
1984	30,876,000
1985	32,930,000
1986	40,187,000

Loan Repayments Via Employer Tax Credit Reduction

1975	$ 12,906,000
1981	46,537,000
1982	49,496,000
1983	53,975,000
1984	57,349,000
1985	61,138,000
1986	64,352,000

Total Outstanding Loans (2/28/91)
-$ 52.8 million

Ct. UC Trust Fund Reserve - (2/28/91)
-$ 10.6 million

*Interest bearing

E-Estimate

1990 POPULATION COUNTS FOR CONNECTCICUT CITIES AND TOWNS

Recently, the Connecticut State Data Center of the Office and Policy and Management released 1990 Census population counts for Connecticut cities and towns. Presented in the following table are population data for the state, labor market areas and municipalities. These numbers are subject to possible correction for undercount or overcount. The U.S. Department of Commerce is considering whether to correct these counts and will publish corrected data if any, not later than July 15, 1991.

Connecticut's population in 1990 was 3,287,116, a 5.8 percent increase from 1980. This compares with a 2.5 percent increase between 1970 and 1980, and an increase of 19.6 percent in the decade between 1960 and 1970. Of Connecticut's fifteen labor market areas, Danielson experienced the largest percentage growth, +12.0 percent; followed by Middletown, +10.7 percent; Torrington, +9.3 percent; and Waterbury, +8.1 percent. The smallest increases occurred in Norwalk, +0.5 percent; and Bridgeport, +1.2 percent.

Of the five major cities, Hartford, New Haven, Stamford and Waterbury grew during the 1980s, (+2.5 percent, +3.5 percent, +5.5 percent and +5.5 percent respectively), reversing a trend of declining central cities in Connecticut. Bridgeport's population decreased slightly (-0.6 percent) between 1980 and 1990. Twenty-five towns grew by twenty percent or more. Many of these are smaller towns with 1990 populations of less than 10,000 people. The largest percent increase occurred in Salem, which grew by 41.8 percent or 975 people over the decade. The towns which gained the greatest number of residents between 1980 and 1990 were Waterbury (+5,695), Stamford (+5,603) and Danbury (+5,115).

Eighteen towns had population decreases between 1980 and 1990. The largest occurred in East Hartford where there were 2,111 fewer people in 1990 than in 1980. Other towns and cities with large population losses were Fairfield with 1,437 fewer people, Hartford which lost 1,191 residents and Stamford with 1,152 fewer residents.

CONNECTICUT 1990 POPULATION

	1990 Population	% Change from 1980		1990 Population	% Change from 1980
Connecticut	**3,287,116**	+ 5.8			
Labor Market Areas					
Bridgeport	443,722	+ 1.2	New Haven	530,180	+ 5.9
Bristol	79,488	+ 7.8	New London-Norwich	238,341	+ 5.5
Danbury	187,867	+ 4.2	Norwalk	127,378	+ 0.5
Danielson	69,526	+12.0	Stamford	202,557	+ 1.9
Hartford	767,841	+ 7.3	Torrington	91,110	+ 9.3
Middletown	90,320	+10.7	Waterbury	221,629	+ 8.1
Lower River	30,568	+ 7.4	Willimantic	58,401	+ 7.3
New Britain	148,188	+ 4.2			
Municipalities					
Andover	2,540	+18.5	Danbury	65,585	+ 8.5
Ansonia	18,403	- 3.3	Darien	18,196	- 3.7
Ashford	3,765	+16.9	Deep River	4,332	+ 8.5
Avon	13,937	+24.4	Derby	12,199	- 1.2
Barkhamsted	3,369	+14.8	Durham	5,732	+11.5
Beacon Falls	5,083	+27.2	East Granby	4,302	+ 4.9
Berlin	16,787	+11.0	East Haddam	6,676	+18.8
Bethany	4,608	+ 6.4	East Hampton	10,428	+21.7
Bethel	17,541	+ 9.6	East Hartford	50,452	- 4.0
Bethlehem	3,071	+19.4	East Haven	26,144	+ 4.5
Bloomfield	19,483	+ 4.7	East Lyme	15,340	+10.6
Bolton	4,575	+15.8	East Windsor	10,081	+13.0
Bozrah	2,297	+ 7.6	Eastford	1,314	+27.8
Branford	27,603	+18.1	Easton	6,303	+ 5.7
Bridgeport	141,686	- 0.6	Ellington	11,197	+15.3
Bridgewater	1,654	+ 5.8	Enfield	45,532	+ 6.6
Bristol	60,640	+ 5.7	Essex	5,904	+16.3
Brookfield	14,113	+ 9.6	Fairfield	53,418	- 2.6
Brooklyn	6,681	+17.4	Farmington	20,608	+25.6
Burlington	7,026	+24.1	Franklin	1,810	+13.7
Canaan	1,057	+ 5.5	Glastonbury	27,901	+14.7
Canterbury	4,467	+30.4	Goshen	2,329	+36.5
Canton	8,268	+ 8.2	Granby	9,369	+17.8
Chaplin	2,048	+14.2	Greenwich	58,441	- 1.9
Cheshire	25,684	+17,9	Griswold	10,384	+15.8
Chester	3,417	+11.4	Groton	45,144	+ 9.9
Clinton	12,767	+14.0	Guilford	19,848	+14.2
Colchester	10,980	+41.5	Haddam	6,769	+ 6.0
Colebrook	1,365	+11.8	Hamden	52,434	+ 2.7
Columbia	4,510	+33.2	Hampton	1,578	+19.4
Cornwall	1,414	+ 9.8	Hartford	139,739	+ 2.5
Coventry	10,063	+13.1	Hartland	1,866	+31.8
Cromwell	12,286	+19.7	Harwinton	5,228	+ 6.9

Municipalities	1990 Population	% Change from 1980		1990 Population	% Change from 1980
Hebron	7,079	+29.8	Rocky Hill	16,554	+13.7
Kent	2,918	+16.5	Roxbury	1,825	+24.3
Killingly	15,889	+ 9.4	Salem	3,310	+41.8
Killingworth	4,814	+21.1	Salisbury	4,090	+ 5.0
Lebanon	6,041	+26.9	Scotland	1,215	+13.3
Ledyard	14,913	+ 8.6	Seymour	14,288	+ 6.4
Lisbon	3,790	+15.6	Sharon	2,928	+11.6
Litchfield	8,365	+10.0	Shelton	35,418	+13.1
Lyme	1,949	+ 7.0	Sherman	2,809	+23.1
Madison	15,485	+10.4	Simsbury	22,023	+ 4.1
Manchester	51,618	+ 3.7	Somers	9,108	+ 7.5
Mansfield	21,103	+ 2.3	South Windsor	22,090	+28.4
Marlborough	5,535	+16.6	Southbury	15,818	+11.7
Meriden	59,479	+ 4.1	Southington	38,518	+ 4.4
Middlebury	6,145	+ 2.5	Sprague	3,008	+ 0.4
Middlefield	3,925	+ 3.4	Stafford	11,091	+19.7
Middletown	42,762	+ 9.5	Stamford	108,056	+ 5.5
Milford	49,938	- 1.9	Sterling	2,357	+31.6
Monroe	16,896	+20.6	Stonington	16,919	+ 4.3
Montville	16,673	+ 1.3	Stratford	49,389	- 2.3
Morris	2,039	+ 7.4	Suffield	11,427	+23.0
Naugatuck	30,625	+15.8	Thomaston	6,947	+10.7
New Britain	75,491	+ 2.2	Thompson	8,668	+ 6.5
New Canaan	17,864	- 0.4	Tolland	11,001	+13.5
New Fairfield	12,911	+14.7	Torrington	33,687	+ 8.7
New Hartford	5,769	+18.1	Trumbull	32,016	- 2.9
New Haven	130,474	+ 3.5	Union	612	+12.1
New London	28,540	- 1.0	Vernon	29,841	+ 6.7
New Milford	23,629	+21.7	Voluntown	2,113	+29.1
Newington	29,208	+ 1.3	Wallingford	40,822	+ 9.5
Newtown	20,779	+ 8.8	Warren	1,226	+19.4
Norfolk	2,060	- 4.5	Washington	3,905	+ 6.8
North Branford	12,996	+12.5	Waterbury	108,961	+ 5.5
North Canaan	3,284	+ 3.1	Waterford	17,930	+ 0.5
North Haven	22,247	+ 0.8	Watertown	20,456	+ 5.0
North Stonington	4,884	+15.8	West Hartford	60,110	- 1.9
Norwalk	78,331	+ 0.7	West Haven	54,021	+ 1.6
Norwich	37,391	- 1.8	Westbrook	5,414	+ 3.8
Old Lyme	6,535	+ 6.1	Weston	8,648	+ 4.4
Old Saybrook	9,552	+ 2.9	Westport	24,410	- 3.5
Orange	12,830	- 3.1	Wethersfield	25,651	- 1.4
Oxford	8,685	+30.9	Willington	5,979	+27.4
Plainfield	14,363	+12.4	Wilton	15,989	+ 4.2
Plainville	17,392	+ 6.0	Winchester	11,524	+ 6.3
Plymouth	11,822	+10.2	Windham	22,039	+ 4.6
Pomfret	3,102	+11.8	Windsor	27,817	+10.4
Portland	8,418	+ 0.4	Windsor Locks	12,358	+ 1.4
Preston	5,006	+ 7.8	Wolcott	13,700	+ 5.3
Prospect	7,775	+14.2	Woodbridge	7,924	+ 2.1
Putnam	9,031	+ 5.3	Woodbury	8,131	+17.1
Redding	7,927	+ 9.0	Woodstock	6,008	+17.4
Ridgefield	20,919	+ 4.0			

Source: U.S. Census Bureau